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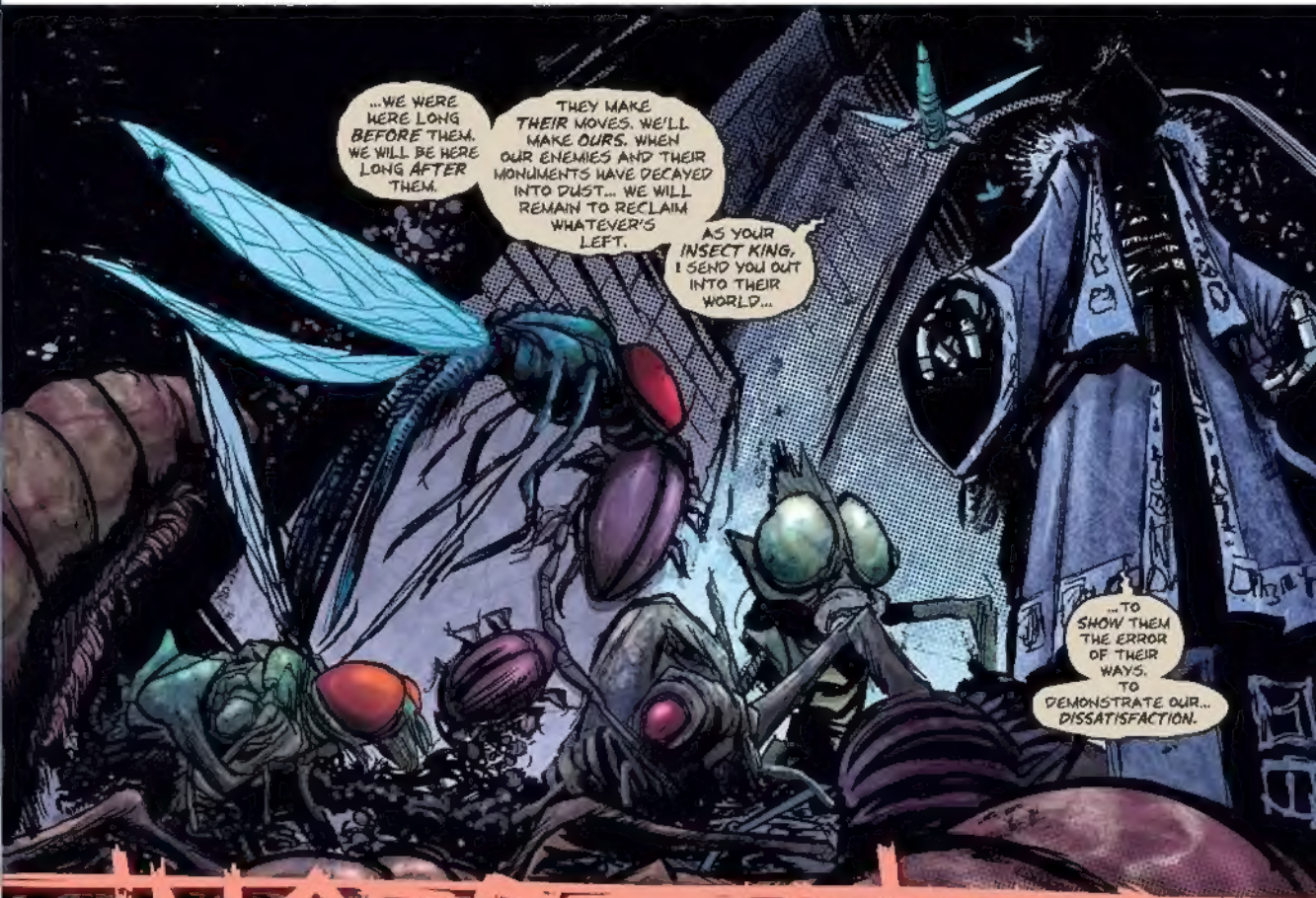
AGENCY HQ:
DANIEL KILGORE IS CONFUSED AS HELL.
THEY SAY YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN --
THIS IS...
...DISGUSTING...!
-- BUT WHADDA THEY KNOW, EH? AND WHO IS "THEY", ANYWAY?!
KURT! YOU SCARED THE SHIT OUTTA ME--! IF YOU'RE SHOWING UP HERE JUST TO SPOUT MORE NONSENSE IN MY DIRECTION, NOW'S NOT THE TIME...!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT, DANIEL.
BUT, Y'KNOW, IF THE DOORS OF PERCEPTION WERE CLEANSED, EVERYTHING WOULD APPEAR AS IT IS...
...INFINITE.
OH WHATEVER...!
THIS IS THE ONE YOU SKEWERED IN THE CHURCH...?
SIGH... I THINK SO.
I GOT A CALL... FROM SCOTT GROVES. APPARENTLY, HE DID A LITTLE CLEAN UP ON MY BEHALF...

GROVES THE SUPER GEEK? WHO'DA THUNK IT...?
WELL, THIS THING'S ON THE WRONG SIDE OF NASTY. AND YOU SAY THERE WAS A WHOLE SWARM OF 'EM MAKIN' CHOMP-CHOMP ON THE PRIESTS...?
MONSTER BUSINESS. ANY IDEAS, FEEL FREE TO SHARE WITH THE CLASS...
...UUUHHH... DANNY-BOY?
ARE YOU SOMEWHERE ELSE RIGHT NOW...?
HEY! GET YOUR SHIT TOGETHER, KID!
... UNTIL YOU GET YOUR HEAD OUTTA YOUR ASS AND QUIT ACTING LIKE AN EXISTENTIALIST NUTJOB.
IT'S ONE THING WHEN THE AGENCY WOULD SEND US OUT ON ASSIGNMENT. BUT THIS IS SOMETHING ELSE.
UH...?
LISTEN... DON'T EVEN TRY TO START SCHOOLING ME...
THESE THINGS CAME AFTER MY CHURCH. SEEMED TO ME IT WAS A DELIBERATE ATTACK.
I JUST HAVE NO IDEA WHY...
...WHAT IN GOD'S NAME DID THEY WANT...?

THERE'S A BASIC LACK OF UNDERSTANDING HERE...
...THEN AGAIN, WHO ELSE SEES THE WORLD FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE...!
THE ANSWER IS... NO ONE.
NO ONE ELSE SEES THE THREAT. OR ELSE... THEY ARE THE THREAT.
BUT WE KNOW THE TRUTH. AND WE ARE AN ARMY...


...WE WERE HERE LONG BEFORE THEM. WE WILL BE HERE LONG AFTER THEM.
THEY MAKE THEIR MOVES. WE'LL MAKE OURS. WHEN OUR ENEMIES AND THEIR MONUMENTS HAVE DECAYED INTO DUST... WE WILL REMAIN TO RECLAIM WHATEVER'S LEFT.
AS YOUR INSECT KING, I SEND YOU OUT INTO THEIR WORLD...
...TO SHOW THEM THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS. TO DEMONSTRATE OUR... DISSATISFACTION.

INSECTICIDED

BY JOE CASEY AND BOBBI RODRIGUEZ

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WELCOME TO ACAPULCO.
MAKE SURE YOU VISIT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN WHILE YOU'RE HERE. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.
MEANWHILE, I'VE GOTTA HOLE UP *HERE* LIKE A GODDAMNED *FUGITIVE*. GOTTA LOCK THE DOORS AT NIGHT.
I WAS THE *MAIN MAN* IN THIS TOWN. THERE WAS *GOD*...THEN *ME*...
...THAT'S WHY THEY CALL ME *EL PREDICADOR*...
..."THE PREACHER".
I *EARNED* THAT TITLE. WHEN THE ZETAS SENT A SMALL ARMY TO *KILL* ME, I SENT 'EM STRAIGHT TO *HELL*. WHEN *OLD MAN JUAREZ* WANTED MY HEAD ON A *PIKE*... I ROMANCED HIS ONLY *DAUGHTER* UNTIL SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH ME.
THEN I RAPED HER.
YEAH... YOU'RE ONE TOUGH PECKER, ALRIGHT.
BUT YOU STILL HIRED *ME* TO COME HERE AND *PROTECT* YOU.
CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE SO SHIT *SCARED* OF...?
IT'S... HARD TO EXPLAIN.
I GOT IN A LITTLE DEEP IN A HIGH PRODUCTION AREA IN NARINO PROVINCE. GOT A LITTLE *CARRIED AWAY* WHEN THE MARXISTS TRIED TO *DOUBLE CROSS* ME...
... BUT IT'S NOT THE MARXIST GUERRILLAS THAT ARE AFTER ME NOW.
NO NECESITAMOS ESTA PERRA, JEFE.
PODEMOS PROTEGERTE.
OBVIOUSLY, YOUR BOSS DOESN'T *AGREE* THAT YOU CAN KEEP HIS ASS *ALIVE*, AMIGO.
ANYWAY, LET'S GET ON WITH IT.

"WHERE'D EL PREDICADOR *FIND* THIS WHORE..."
...TO PUT HER IN CHARGE OF COMPOUND SECURITY?! INSTEAD OF *US*?!
WHO FOUGHT OFF THE NARIZ CARTEL FOR THIRTY HOURS STRAIGHT?!
NOW *SHE'S* OUT THERE WITH HER FANCY BULLSHIT GADGETS...
"... SHE DON'T KNOW *DICK* ABOUT DEFENDING THIS COMPOUND!"
HE *SAW* SOMETHING IN TUMACO... SOMETHING THAT SPOOKED HIM ENOUGH HAS *ME* THINKIN' HE AIN'T IN HIS RIGHT MIND...
SO WHAT'RE YOU *SAYIN'*...?
"I'M SAYIN' WE NEED TO TAKE MATTERS INTO OUR OWN *HANDS*..."
TAP TAP TAP
"BESIDES, I HEARD A RUMOR THIS *'MIRAGE'* WORKED IN *U.S. INTELLIGENCE*..."
... AND SHOW EL PREDICADOR THAT WE DON'T NEED NO *OUTSIDERS* MESSIN' WITH OUR BUSINESS HERE.
"CAPPIN' *HER'S* GONNA DO *ALL* OF US A BIG, FAT *FAVOR*."

YEEEE-HAAAWWW--!
ERES UN CABALLO SALVAJE, MI VIDA! TE VOY A CABALGAR HASTA LA PONDEROSA!
ENJOYING THE LOCAL CUISINE, WHISPER...?
C'MON, I CAN'T ALWAYS HANG AROUND, WAITING ON SOME STREET CORNER...
ROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD, I KNOW. SO LET'S TALK.
Y'KNOW, SOME FOLKS WOULD CALL THIS SEXIST. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'D GET THAT FROM.
I KNOW A FINE FILLY WHEN I SEE ONE... AND THIS ONE'S GOT MY UTMOST RESPECT.
SO, WHADDYA LOOKIN' FOR THIS TIME...?

MY CURRENT EMPLOYER IS HUNKERED DOWN IN A SEASIDE MANSION WAITING FOR THE END OF THE WORLD. EL PREDICADOR, JUST A KID, BASICALLY.
THEY'RE GROWING DRUG LORDS YOUNGER AND YOUNGER THESE DAYS.
SO YOU'RE GUARDING HIM FROM WHAT, EXACTLY...?
YOU EVER HEAR OF EL REY DE INSECTOS...?
THE "KING OF INSECTS"...?
WHAT IS THAT, SOME SORT OF CODENAME...?
NO IDEA. FROM HIS STORY, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE SOME KIND OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORIST.
MAYBE A CARTEL ASSASSIN...?
I REALLY DON'T THINK SO. I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF THAT WAS ALL IT WAS.
YOU KNOW I'VE GOT MY EAR TO THE GROUND, MIRAGE. KNOWING THINGS...IT'S WHAT I DO.
BUT THE WORLD'S GETTING STRANGER AND STRANGER. I DON'T LIKE KNOWING A LOT OF WHAT I'VE BEEN HEARING.
BUT IT'S WHAT I DON'T KNOW THAT SHOULD WORRY YOU...
$
...YOU JUST WATCH YOUR ASS OUT THERE.
JUST BECAUSE IT FEELS LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD DOESN'T MEAN IT HAS TO HAPPEN.
MY OWN BUCKET LIST BEHAVIOR NOTWITHSTANDING.
THESE DAYS, YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL...

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NO TE PONGAS COMODA, PUTA...
I KNOW YOU BOYS SPEAK ENGLISH...
...BUT I GUESS YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO MAKE A POINT.
OUR BOSS IS GOIN' THROUGH SOME SHIT RIGHT NOW.
BUT THAT'S WHY HE'S GOT US LOOKIN' OUT FOR HIM.
WE COME BEARIN' GIFTS...
YOU WANNA KEEP THIS NICE AND QUIET, HUH...? GOOD LUCK...

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--NEVER BRING A KNIFE TO A GUNFIGHT.
NOT THAT I NEED IT. ASK YOUR PAL...
...OH, RIGHT. YOU CAN'T. HE'S DEAD.
YOU THINK THIS IS ALL FOR SHOW? OR DO YOU REALLY THINK YOUR PRECIOUS EL PREDICADOR IS CRACKED IN THE HEAD...?
WELL, I'LL MAKE SURE TO TELL HIM... YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT HIM THE WHOLE TIME.
BESAME EL CULO!
YOU KNOW DAMN WELL EL REY DE INSECTOS IS ALL BULLSHIT!
YOU WANNA SOAK OUR BOSS FOR EVERY DIME YOU CAN?!
THEN YOU GOTTA GO THROUGH US!
AND TO THINK... I'M NOT EVEN GETTING PAID TO SMOKE OUT THE LOSERS IN HIS ORGANIZATION.
TOTAL WASTE OF MY TIME.
CLICK.
WHAT IN GOD'S NAME IS THAT...?!
BEEP
BEEP
FLAP

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CHUK
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JESUS H. CHRIST! WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT HERE?!
IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS?! GODDAMMIT, I TOLD YOU --
--THESE THINGS ARE AFTER ME! IS THIS THE ONLY ONE!? THEY TRAVEL IN PACKS, Y'KNOW--!
BUG MONSTERS?! THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?!
YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME, YOU CRAZY WHACK-JOB --
THAT CRAZY WHACK-JOB'S OUR BOSS, SKANK.
AND YOUR "PROTECTION SERVICES" ARE FOR SHIT.
CLEARLY
BUT THIS SITUATION HAS DEVOLVED INTO SOMETHING ELSE...
..ENTIRELY..?
HOLY SHIT

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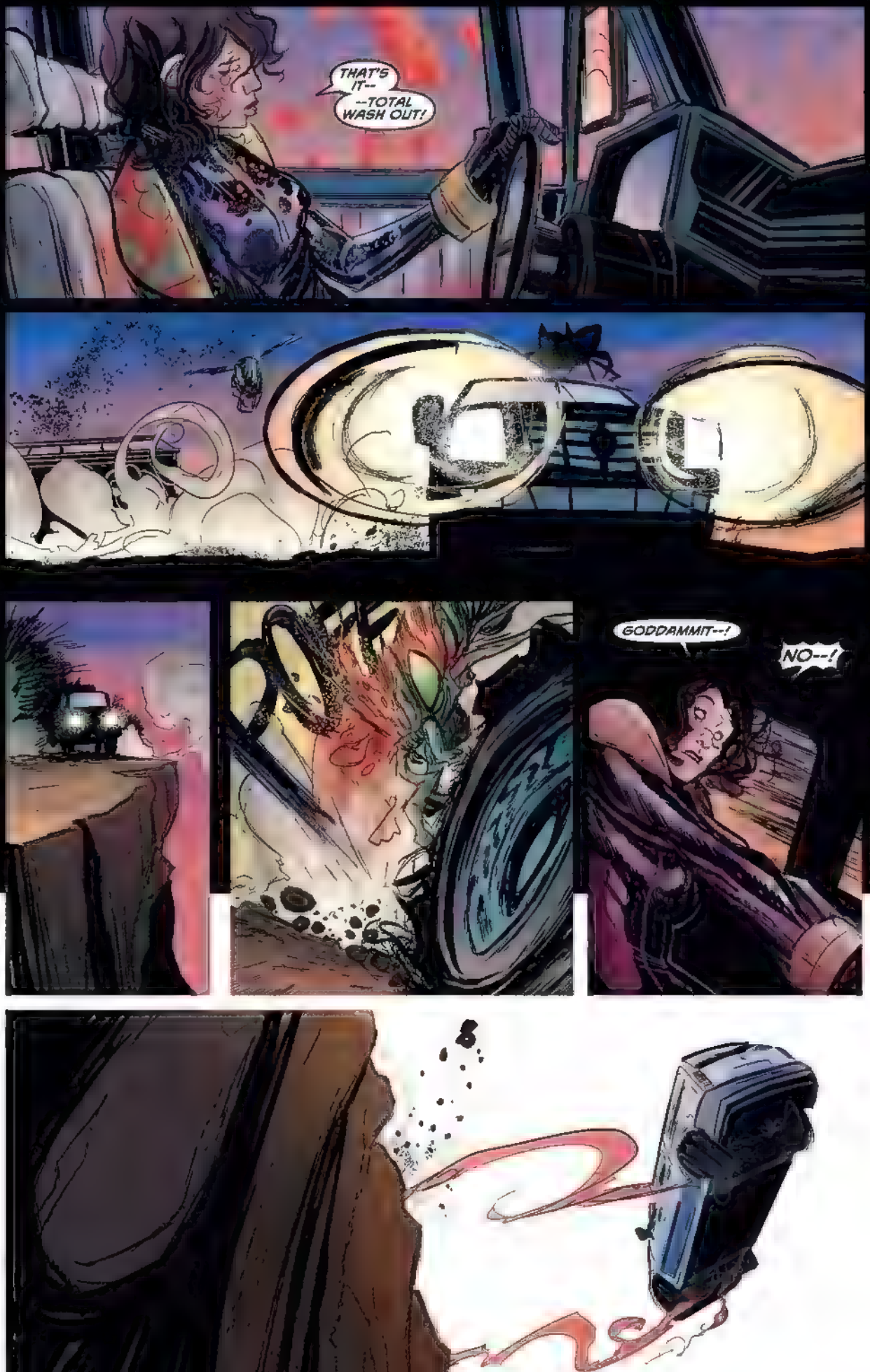
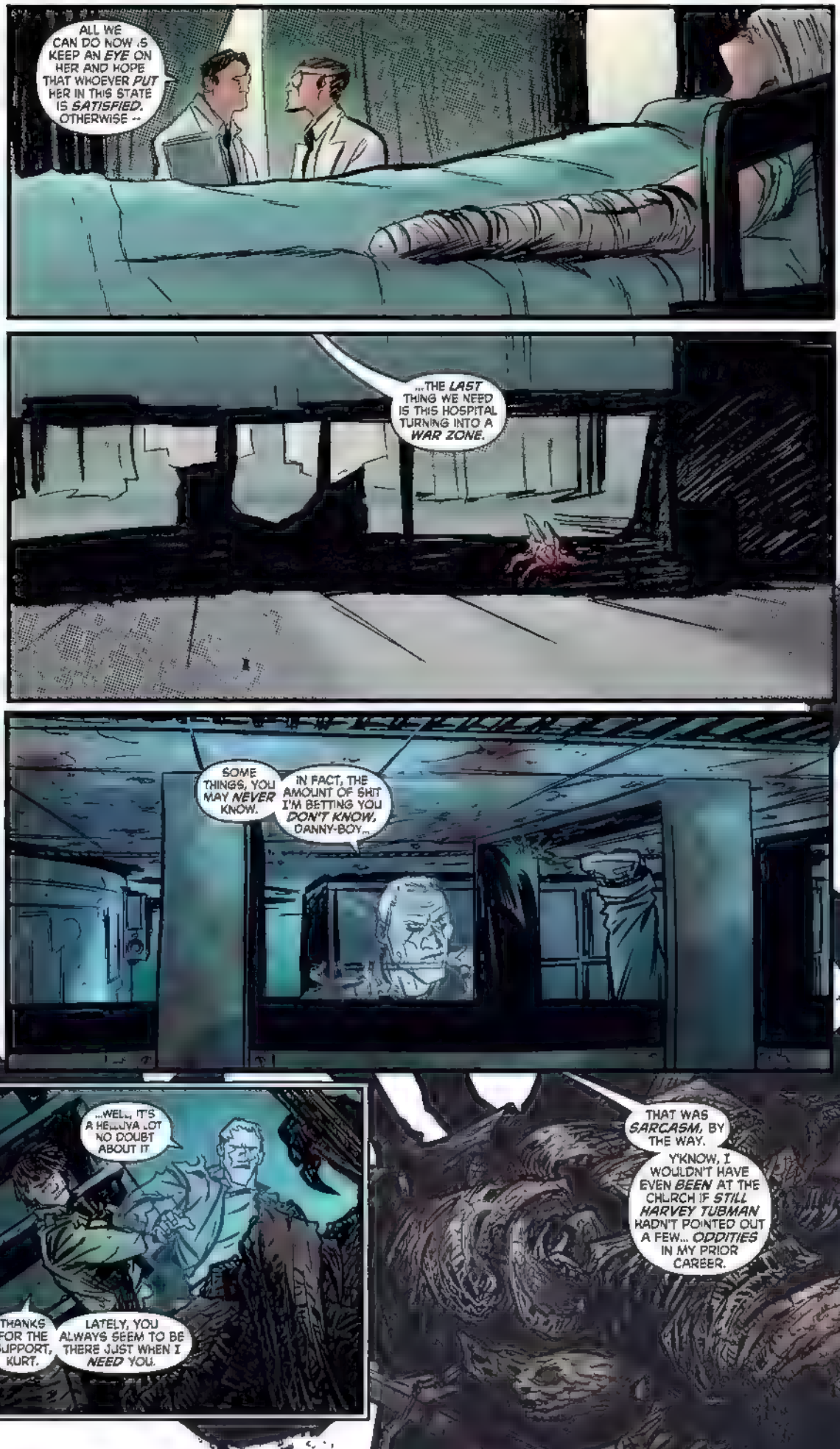
JEEZUS--!
HUUNDDT--!
CUALQUIER COSA QUE HICE, LO SIENTO!
POR FAVOR NO--
NONO NONONO NO--
NO QUIERO MORIR --

FFOOWSHHHH
CAAAAHH!--!

THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE RIGHT JOB--
KA-BOOOOAAWWRUMM
NOOOOO --
SHIT.


THAT'S IT--
--TOTAL WASH OUT!
GODDAMMIT--!
NO--!

LET'S LOOK AT THE CHART ON OUR NEWEST PAT.ENT.
... COMATOSE PROBABLY DUE TO SEVERE HEAD TRAUMA... INTERNAL BLEEDING... MULTIPLE LACERATIONS... SHE'S GONE THROUGH A FEW OPERATIONS ALREADY...
SHE PRACTICALLY *CRAWLED* INTO THE E.R. ...NO IDENTIFICATION... SO *INCOHERENT* SHE COULDN'T TELL US *ANYTHING* BEFORE SHE SLIPPED INTO A COMA.
I'LL JUST CALL HER *"JANE DOE"* FOR NOW.


ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS KEEP AN *EYE* ON HER AND HOPE THAT WHOEVER *PUT* HER IN THIS STATE IS *SATISFIED*. OTHERWISE --
...THE *LAST* THING WE NEED IS THIS HOSPITAL TURNING INTO A *WAR ZONE*.
SOME THINGS, YOU MAY *NEVER* KNOW.
IN FACT, THE AMOUNT OF SHIT I'M BETTING YOU *DON'T KNOW*, DANNY-BOY...
...WELL, IT'S A HELLUVA LOT NO DOUBT ABOUT IT
THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT, KURT.
LATELY, YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO BE THERE JUST WHEN I *NEED* YOU.
THAT WAS *SARCASM*, BY THE WAY.
Y'KNOW, I WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN *BEEN* AT THE CHURCH IF *STILL HARVEY TUBMAN* HADN'T POINTED OUT A FEW... *ODDITIES* IN MY PRIOR CAREER.

CYPHER
EMPIRE

Y'KNOW, YOU AND THAT OL' COOT ARE GETTING A LITTLE TOO *COZY* FOR MY TASTE.
IF YOU ASK ME, HE'S GOT AN *AGENDA* THAT WE DON'T--
FIRST OF ALL, I *DIDN'T* ASK YOU. SECOND OF ALL... ARE YOU FORGETTING HOW HE BROKE ME OUT OF RADICAL CITY?!
YEAH, A PRETTY *CONVENIENT* "RESCUE", DON'TCHA THINK--?!
WELL, *YOU* SURE AS HELL WEREN'T DOING A GODDAMN THING TO--
WAIT. SOMETHING'S--
GAH--!
OKAY. WHAT*EVER* THESE CRITTERS ARE, THEY KNOW HOW TO COVER THEIR TRACKS...!
THAT MEANS THEY COULD BE A LOT *MORE* THAN JUST MINDLESS BEASTS, RIGHT...?
SIGH
THIS IS *WAY* BEYOND TYPICAL AGENCY BUSINESS...
"...AND I HAVE *NO IDEA* WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO *DO* ABOUT IT."
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LADY HAUNT RISES!

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THE AFTERLIFE
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Spawn 20th Anniversary Poster #3 (detail)

Show your college spirit with our upcoming college football figures in **College Football Series 4**! The strongest lineup of collegiate stars we have ever offered, College Football Series 4 includes five Heisman Trophy winners, two Heisman finalists, our first University of Texas figure, and the SportsPicks debut for Oklahoma (and current St. Louis Rams) QB Sam Bradford. And if that's not enough, Marcus Allen is our first-ever NFL Legend offered in his collegiate uniform. In stores this July!

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Marcus Allen (Univ. of So. Cal.)
Peyton Manning 2 (Univ. of Tennessee)

NFL Playmakers 3
Peyton Manning (Broncos)
Eli Manning (Giants)
Ben Roethlisberger (Steelers)
Aaron Rodgers (Packers)
Larry Fitzgerald (Cardinals)
Tim Tebow (Broncos)
Victor Cruz (Giants)
Demarcus Ware (Cowboys)
Brian Urlacher (Bears)
Ray Rice (Ravens)
Calvin Johnson (Detroit Lions)
LeSean McCoy (Eagles)
Darrelle Revis (Jets)
Tom Brady (Patriots)
Drew Brees (Saints)
Philip Rivers (Chargers)
Tony Romo (Cowboys)
Charles Woodson (Packers)
Mike Wallace (Steelers)
Patrick Willis (49ers)

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Halo Avatars Series 1
Master Chief
Carter
ODST
Flaming ODST
Green Operator
Elite Costume
Gold Master Chief
Warthog

NFL Series 29
Rob Gronkowski (Patriots)
Matt Ryan (Falcons)
Aaron Rodgers (Packers)
Ken Stabler (Raiders)
Troy Polamalu (Steelers)
Tony Romo (Cowboys)
Matthew Stafford (Lions)
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"That IMAGE WRITER will be finished, followed by a sequel featuring a team up of the latest generation of Image characters including Firebreather Invincible, Cassio-Rock, Dr. Marrow, Tony Chu, Skinnix and Bomb Queen, Mod Man, and the Mice Templars! We'll call it IMAGE Re-WRITER."

HACK/SLASH: O. JORSTAD

"The biggest news should be that COMICS have made a comeback in the mostly film driven multi media conversation and Image comics is leading the way for a future where creators rule the show and not big business."

QUESTION CRAG

"Big isn't quite Enormous, but one can always hope that the world discovers just how many incredibly cool books Image has to offer in the later part of 2012. That, and Game of Thrones."

MORNING GLORIES: J.NORMOUS

"Michael Bay to direct Twilight reboot." followed by "Local officials still calculating death toll after Michael Bay announced to direct Twilight reboot."

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"Wild Children."

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THE THIRD DEGREE
MIKE NORTON

Mike Norton has been working in comics for more than a decade, gaining recognition for projects such as The Waiting Place and Jason and the Argobots. In 2001, he became Art Director for Devil's Due Publishing, where he drew the first Voltron mini-series. In 2005, he went freelance and has since made a name for himself working on books like Queen and Country, Gravity, Runaways, All-New Atom and Green Arrow/Black Canary. His creator-owned web comic Battlepug is a cult hit and his new Image series with Tim Seeley, Revival, launches in July

What are you working on right now?
Right now I'm drawing Revival and It Girl for Image. I also draw a weekly webcomic called Battlepug. And a bunch of other odds and ends.

What's the best part of your job?
Being able to make stuff for a living. Getting up every day and hanging out with a bunch of creative people drawing stuff never gets old.

What's the worst part of your job?
The stress of many many deadlines.

How did you first discover comics?
My dad gave me Amazing Spider-Man 163 when I was a kid. I wasn't even old enough to read. It and Star Wars were probably the greatest influences on me as a child.

If you weren't working in comics, what would you be doing?
A veterinarian or in a band. I played in bands in high school and the only occupation other than the arts that I ever considered when I was a kid was veterinary medicine. That was until I realized it was mostly math and science and not sitting around petting puppies.

What's the best thing a fan has ever said to you?
I had someone tell me they were influenced by my art in their own work. That really got to me. I thought about how so many artists changed my life as a kid. Definitely boosted the ego.

Who's the biggest influence on your work?
All those childhood heroes- John Romita, John Byrne, John Buscema. Also a lot of the indy creators that I really got into in the late '80s and '90s like Bill Reinhold, Matt Wagner, Howard Chaykin, and Mike Allred.

Own up to one of your guilty pleasures.
Circus Peanut candies, pizza, Rudy Ray Moore movies, pugs.

What's your single work of which you're most proud?
Right now it's Battlepug. It's the first work I've done that's completely me. I'm really proud of Revival also.

What was the last comic book you bought?
Glory #24!

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
Somebody thinner. I like being myself otherwise.

Pick three things you couldn't live without.
Friends (that includes dogs), TV, Pizza. I'm a simple man.

What makes you laugh?
Dogs. Happy dogs are the best.

What's the strangest thing you have in your house?
Uh... I guess the ceramic garden statues of Laurel and Hardy I've had since I was born.

What is one of your favorite places?
Ireland. Loved every second of being there. Also- being in front of my drawing table.

What music are you listening to these days?
My musical tastes are kind of stuck in the '80s. The last new music I bought was Doomtree and Adam Warrock.

What is your favorite film of all time?
I hate answering this question. I usually say Star Wars because it was the most influential.

Who is your best friend?
I have a couple of close friends, My buddy Ron from high school and Tim Seeley who I share a studio with.

What is the best advice you've ever received?
I believe it was Barry Bostwick as Capt. Ace Hunter in the motion picture Megaforce that said, "Deeds, Not Words." I have honestly based my career on this.

When was the last time you were truly frightened?
I had a skiing accident several years ago and messed up my knee pretty badly. Not being in control of something that could possibly end your life is really scary. I still can't go to the top of a ski hill now.

Name someone you really admire and why.
I admire all of the people working here at 4Star Studios. Tim Seeley & Steve Seeley, Josh Emmons, Sean Dove, Jenny Frison, and Mike Marcc.

What would you like to see happen in comics in the next 12 months?
I would like to see all of my comics become crazy popular so I can buy a big-ass boat. Also, if all comics could become crazy popular, I wouldn't be sad.

THE WALKING DEAD #100

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POST MORTEM

Hi everyone,

This month, creator Todd McFarlane and writer Joe Casey join us to answer some of your pressing questions. We love hearing from our fans, so keep writing to us at postmortem@mcfarlane.com, or reach out to us through our social channels on Facebook or Twitter.

Next issue you're in for a real treat. Artist Robbi Rodriguez joins forces with Nathan to tell one killer story. Did you miss Mirage? Well, she's back, and on a new mission. Reserve your copy at your local comic shop now!

Jen Cassidy

Managing Editor

Daniel M. from Facebook asks:

Are *Haunt* and *Spawn* set in the same continuity?

TODD: Yes. I think it would be cool to have Spawn and Haunt meet each other sometime in the future, and I don't want it to have to be some weird time travel. Haunt is acting in a corner of New York, but because it's clandestine, and underground, no one in the public knows what's going on. It does run into some of the themes that are currently being played out in *Spawn*, where there's a lot of government subterfuge going on. Perhaps these two parties are going to collide in the future, and it would make for a cool crossover.

Nikolas A. from Facebook wonders:

Will *Haunt* be launched in the Spanish language?

TODD: We're working with our international publishers to do just that! Hopefully, you'll see *Haunt* published in Spanish by the end of 2012/early 2013.

Nate B. from Facebook writes:

What was your inspiration for *Haunt*?

TODD: I was mostly involved on the visual end of it, but was involved in a few tidbits from the actual storyline itself.

When Robert Kirkman stood up at a panel I was on and challenged me to create a new series, I invited him to do it with me. He came out to the office, and provided the framework for what the story was going to be. I just added some detail to it. The bigger tip of the hat goes to Robert, who would be able to provide you with more detail on what the seed was for this.

Philip B. from Facebook asks:

Is there ever going to be a Haunt figure?

TODD: Yes. As long as the character is popular, we'll continue to roll out different product. The first thing coming down the pipeline is a resin statue, which we'll be advertising very soon. Keep checking spawn.com for information.

John D. from Facebook wonders:

Will we see the Kilgore brothers travel into the ghost realm together and fight those evils that attack them on the spirited plane on earth? Will Harvey be a permanent fixture? Can we expect to see a book come out on time the rest of the year or even catch up? I love Joe and Nathan's work so far. I wish to see them more often. I would like to see the story get back into the covert ops again and do some real thrashing.

JOE: The notion of "ghosts", how and why they exist, is a big part of the series. And if you've read issue #22, you know that Still Harvey Tubman has an interest in the ghost realm that even the Kilgore brothers aren't aware of. So, yeah, he'll be around for a while. And, okay, we'll throw in plenty of real thrashing, too...

Chris G. from Facebook writes:

When can we expect the *Haunt Immortal Edition Vol. 2* to come out???

TODD: *Haunt Immortal Edition Volume 2* will be out sometime in either December 2012 or January 2013. We try to space out our trade paperbacks and hardcovers accordingly so we don't oversaturate the marketplace. Also, since *Haunt Immortal Edition Volume 2* will be collecting issues 13-24, we needed to wait until all issues were finished before we collected them.

Chad N. from Facebook wonders:

Why did you stop working on *Haunt*? Is it the same reason Stan Lee stopped working on the *X-MEN* after the first 20 comics? Just too busy with other projects?

TODD: There are a couple of reasons. Number one, we hired a new artist, Nathan Fox, who pencils and inks his own artwork. If you noticed on the first 18 issues, my big art contributions were some covers and inking a majority of the pages. Nathan wants to do his own artwork; just I like to do my own pencils and inks. Since the inking component went away when Nathan jumped on, I've taken a step back into an overseeing role. I may jump on and do covers from time to time, but we'll see.

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